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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA AND SOUTH KOREA: MORE ON FISHING

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 396, (B) SEOUL 1601

1. DURING RECENT TRIP TO NOUADHIBOU, EMBOFF ASKED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF NOUADHIBOU MARITIME DISTRICT ABOUT STATUS OF SOUTH KOREAN FISHING VESSELS IN MAURITANIAN WATERS. GIRM OFFICIAL REPORTED THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIFTEEN KOREAN VESSELS UNDER PANAMANIAN FLAG IN MAURITANIAN WATERS. IN THEORY, EACH VESSEL IS ALSO TRAINING FIVE MAURITANIANS. OFFICIAL THEN ADDED THAT SOUTH KOREA IS IN JEOPARDY OF LOSING ALL ITS FISHING RIGHTS BECAUSE VESSELS ARE NOT ADHERING TO TERMS OF AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, SOUTH KOREANS ARE NOT PROVIDING NOUADIBOU FISHING INDUSTRY WITH AGREED UPON OFFTAKE. OFFICIAL SAID GIRM IS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO REVOCATION OF SOUTH KOREAN FISHING LICENSE.

2. COMMENT: JUDGING BY COMMENTS OF MAURITANIAN
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OFFICIAL, SOUTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY APPRISED

OF THIS SITUATION. WE ASSUME ROKG IS ALSO WELL
AWARE OF PROBLEM. IT IS POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT
DIFFICULTY STEMS FROM DISAGREEMENT OVJ PAYMENT OF
"COMMISSIONS" RATHER THAN FAILURE TO OFFLOAD REQUISITE
AMOUNT OF FISH IN NOUADHIBOU.HANDYSIDE

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